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1. The entire production of VEB Leipziger Kugellagerfabrik "DKF," Boehlitz-Ehrenberg near Leipzig, is exported to the Soviet Bloc. Production of ball bearings for domestic use is handled by VEB Waelzlagerfabrik Fraureuth and VEB Thueringer Kugellagerfabrik Zella-Mehlis.

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2. The total production figures of the D.K.F. Leipzig are _____ /destined for the Soviet Union, ____ for China, and ____ for Poland. The ball bearings are classified according to Deutsche Industrie Norms (DIN). The quality of the workmanship must in all cases be of Quality I (Gueterklasse 1).[1]

3. Raw materials used in the plant (ball-bearing steel and forged rings) are delivered by Polish, Czechoslovakian, and East German steel plants. The quantity delivered is insufficient for proper steel reserves to be maintained. Abrasives are of bad quality and are in insufficient quantity. There is a further shortage of industrial diamonds for the processing of the abrasives. These shortages continually cause production delays.

4. Production for other Soviet Bloc states will also take place in the third quarter of 1955.

1. _____ Comment: There are four classes of quality in East Germany: S (special) and Qualities 1, 2, and 3.     25X1

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